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SUBJECT: REVERSE PREFERENCES AND UDEAC

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REFS: A) BANGUI 766, B) STATE 55671

1. IN RESPONSE TO BANGUI'S REQUEST (REF A) FOR GUIDANCE ON STRATEGY FOR APPROACHING UDEAC AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT PEER PRESSURE MAY BE MOST PERSUASIVE INFLUENCE IN BRINGING END TO REVERSE PREFERENCES. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH UDEAC AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OFFICIALS, WE SEE NO GAIN LIKELY TO ARISE FROM HARD SELL OF GSP BENEFITS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, ISSUE MIGHT BE RAISED MOST EFFECTIVELY IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF TOPICS SUCH AS AFRICAN UNITY (SOLIDARITY OF ACP MEMBERS IN OPPOSING REVERSE PREFERENCES DURING LOME NEGOTIATIONS) AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY (ADVANTAGE OF BUYING FROM LOWEST COST SOURCE IN UTILIZING SCARCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE).

3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD TURN ASIDE ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE US MIGHT LINK ELIMINATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES WITH DECISIONS ON NON-TRADE ISSUES. US ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UDEAC DEVELOPMENT BANK, WILL BE WEIGHED ON THEIR OWN MERITS AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR REMOVAL OF REVERSE PREFERENCES.

4. ADDRESSEES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY PAST INSTRUCTIONS (INCLUDING STATE 55671) RE ADVICE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS ON TRADE ACT IMPLICATIONS OF CONTINUING REVERSE PREFERENCES. KISSINGER

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